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Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Previously Presented) A computer-
implemented method, comprising:

storing, with a central processing computer,
information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option
request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event
which remains after a start of the event and before a
completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option
for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the
event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event,
wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket
option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for
an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game,
an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert,
and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event

which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual;

receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the

event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from the first communication device and is received by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established;

processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket;

generating, with the central processing computer, at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket

availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting, from the central processing computer, the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

receiving a response to the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message,

wherein the response is transmitted from the second communication device; and

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

transmitting information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event to the second communication device; and

at least one of printing via a printer the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion

of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and displaying via a display device information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

at least one of effectuating a payment to the ticket account and effectuating a withdrawal from an account associated with the second individual or the fourth individual.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which

remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event is a ticket.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event is a ticket option.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted via, on, or over, at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is a wireless device or a wireless telephone.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first

communication device or the second communication device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is a kiosk or an automated teller machine.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

generating a notification message containing information regarding a purchase of at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting the notification message to the first communication device or to a third communication device associated with a seller of the ticket or the ticket option.

Claim 52. (Canceled)

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the second individual or the fourth individual is located at the event or at a venue of the event.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

storing information regarding an available buyer for the ticket or the ticket option;

processing the information regarding an available buyer for the ticket or the ticket option;

generating a buyer availability message containing information that an available buyer exists for a ticket or a ticket option; and

transmitting the buyer availability message to the first communication device or to a third communication device associated with a ticket holder or a ticket seller or used by a ticket holder or a ticket seller.

Claims 55-56. (Canceled)

Claim 57. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

processing information regarding an auction of, or a bidding for, a ticket or a ticket option which is identified in the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message.

Claims 58-59. (Canceled)

Claim 60. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

generating a second ticket availability message, wherein the second ticket availability message contains information regarding a ticket or a ticket option available for sale or resale prior to a start of the event or a second event;

transmitting the second ticket availability message to the communication device associated with an individual or used by an individual;

receiving an offer to purchase the ticket or the ticket option; and

processing information regarding a sale or a resale of the ticket or the ticket option.

Claim 61. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, and a tournament, and further wherein the event takes place at or in a stadium or an arena, and further wherein the ticket corresponds to a seat at or in the stadium or the arena.

Claim 62. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the event is a performance or a concert, and further wherein the event takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket corresponds to a seat at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall.

Claim 63. (Canceled)

Claim 64. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the first communication device or the second communication device is an interactive television.

Claim 65. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

receiving and storing, with a central processing computer, information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least

one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual;

receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an

event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established;

processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket;

generating, with the central processing computer, at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of

the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting, from the central processing computer, the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 66. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 65, further comprising:

receiving a response to the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the response is transmitted from the second communication device;

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or

a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event;

transmitting information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event to the second communication device; and

at least one of printing via a printer the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and displaying via a display device information regarding the at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding a status of the event.

Claim 68. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains a video clip or an image showing a view from a seat corresponding to the at least one of the ticket and the ticket option.

Claim 69. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 42, further comprising:

effectuating a payment or a commission payment to a third party.

Claim 70. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted as an e-mail message.

Claim 71. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted as an instant messaging message.

Claim 72. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

storing information regarding a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for a second event;

receiving a second ticket request or a second ticket option request, wherein the second ticket request or the second ticket option request is a request for a ticket or tickets for the second event or a request for a ticket option for a ticket or tickets for the second event;

processing information regarding the second ticket request or the second ticket option request;

generating a second ticket availability message or a second ticket option availability message in response to the second ticket request or the second ticket option request, wherein the second ticket availability message contains

information regarding a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event or the second ticket option availability message contains information regarding an option for a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event; and

transmitting the second ticket availability message or the second ticket option availability message to the first communication device, to the second communication device, to a third communication device, or to a fourth communication device, wherein the third communication device or the fourth communication device is associated with or is used by the first individual, the second individual, the third individual, the fourth individual, or a fifth individual.

Claim 73. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 72, further comprising:

receiving an offer to purchase the ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event or receiving an offer to purchase the option for the ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event; and

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the ticket or tickets for the second event or processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event.

Claim 74. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising:

transmitting information regarding the ticket or tickets for the second event, or information regarding the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event, to the first communication device, to the second communication device, to the third communication device, or to the fourth communication device; and

at least one of printing, via a printer, the ticket or tickets for the second event or information regarding the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event, and displaying, via a display device, information regarding the ticket or tickets for the second event or information regarding the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event.

Claim 75. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 41, further comprising:

storing information regarding a second ticket request or a second ticket option request, wherein the second ticket request or the second ticket option request is a request for a ticket or tickets for a second event or a request for a ticket option for a ticket or tickets for a second event;

receiving information regarding an availability of a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event;

processing information regarding the second ticket request or the second ticket option request;

generating a second ticket availability message or a second ticket option availability message in response to the second ticket request or the second ticket option request, wherein the second ticket availability message contains information regarding a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event or the second ticket option availability message contains information regarding an option for a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event; and

transmitting the second ticket availability message or the second ticket option availability message to the first communication device, to the second communication device, to a third communication device, or to a fourth communication device, wherein the third communication device or the fourth communication device is associated with or is used by the first individual, the second individual, the third individual, the fourth individual, or a fifth individual.

Claim 76. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 75, further comprising:

receiving an offer to purchase the ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event or receiving an offer to purchase the option for the ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event; and

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the ticket or tickets for the second event or processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event.

Claim 77. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising:

transmitting information regarding the ticket or tickets for the second event, or information regarding the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event, to the first communication device, to the second communication device, to the third communication device, or to the fourth communication device; and

at least one of printing, via a printer, the ticket or tickets for the second event or information regarding the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event, and displaying, via a display device, information regarding the ticket or tickets for the second event or information regarding the option for the ticket or tickets for the second event.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 54, wherein the buyer availability message contains information regarding a price the available buyer is willing to pay to purchase the ticket.

Claim 79. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

storing, with a central processing computer, information regarding a ticket request for a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion

of the event being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual;

receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from the first communication device and is received by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established;

processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request for a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein

the central processing computer processes the information regarding the ticket request using the information regarding an available ticket;

generating, with the central processing computer, a ticket availability message, wherein the ticket availability message contains information regarding a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

transmitting, from the central processing computer, the ticket availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the ticket availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 80. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 79, further comprising:

receiving a response to the ticket availability message, wherein the response is transmitted from the second communication device;

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event;

transmitting information regarding the ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event to the second communication device; and

at least one of printing, via a printer, the ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and displaying, via a display device, information regarding the ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Claim 81. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 80, further comprising:

at least one of effectuating a payment to the ticket account and effectuating a withdrawal from an account associated with the second individual or the fourth individual.

Claim 82. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 79, further comprising:

storing information regarding a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for a second event;

receiving a second ticket request, wherein the second ticket request is a request for a ticket or tickets for the second event;

processing information regarding the second ticket request;

generating a second ticket availability message in response to the second ticket request, wherein the second ticket availability message contains information regarding a ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event;
and

transmitting the second ticket availability message to the first communication device, to the second communication device, to a third communication device, or to a fourth communication device, wherein the third communication device or the fourth communication device is associated with or is used by the first individual, the second individual, the third individual, the fourth individual, or a fifth individual.

Claim 83. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 82, further comprising:

receiving an offer to purchase the ticket or tickets for sale or for resale for the second event; and

processing a transaction regarding a purchase of the ticket or tickets for the second event.

Claim 84. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 83, further comprising:

transmitting information regarding the ticket or tickets for the second event to the first communication device, to the second communication device, to the third

communication device, or to the fourth communication device;
and

at least one of printing, via a printer, the ticket or tickets for the second event and displaying, via a display device, information regarding the ticket or tickets for the second event.

Claim 85. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a central processing computer, further comprising:

a memory device, wherein the memory device stores information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event or a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, or a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in a stadium, an

arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, or a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the stadium, the arena, the theatre, the movie theatre, the concert hall, the museum, or the performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual;

a receiver, wherein the receiver receives, and the memory device or the central processing computer stores, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a

completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein a communication link is initiated or established between the receiver or the central processing computer and a first communication device associated with the first individual or the third individual, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from the first communication device and is received by the receiver or by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established;

a processing device, wherein the processing device processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for the ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the processing device or the central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket, and further wherein the processing device or the central processing computer generates a ticket availability message or a ticket option availability message, wherein the ticket availability message or the ticket option

availability message contains information regarding a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event or a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and

a transmitter, wherein the transmitter transmits the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.